

When solving our

PROBLEMS

A magnifying glass with a gold-colored frame and a dark brown handle is positioned over the word 'PROBLEMS'. The lens is centered over the letter 'O', making it appear larger and more prominent. The word 'PROBLEMS' is rendered in large, bold, green 3D block letters with a slight shadow underneath.

sometimes the easy way,
isn't the right way!

David's



² Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. ³ So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.)



1 Samuel 24:2-3 (NKJV)

“The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD. With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.”



1 Samuel 24:6 (NKJV)

⁷ So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him.



1 Samuel 26:7 (NKJV)

¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.



Romans 13:1-2 (NKJV)

**“ ALL LIFE IS
PROBLEM
SOLVING ”**

-Karl Popper

I've learned that the problems you face in life will either defeat you or develop you – depending on how you respond to them.

**The best leaders are
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**The most effective leaders
approach problems through
a lens of opportunity.**

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.



Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

**What problems do I
leave for God to solve?**



Relational, Material, Spiritual Problems...



¹⁰ And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul's hand.



1 Samuel 18:10 (NKJV)

AND THE WOMEN
ANSWERED ONE ANOTHER
AS THEY PLAYED, AND
SAID, SAUL HATH
SLAIN HIS THOUSANDS,
AND DAVID HIS TEN
THOUSANDS.

- 1 Samuel 18:7

⁹ "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? ¹⁰ I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.



Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NKJV)

Sin is the
Disease

Christ *is*
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Many of the king's relational and material problems were simply the fruit of deep seated spiritual problems at the core of his being.



⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."



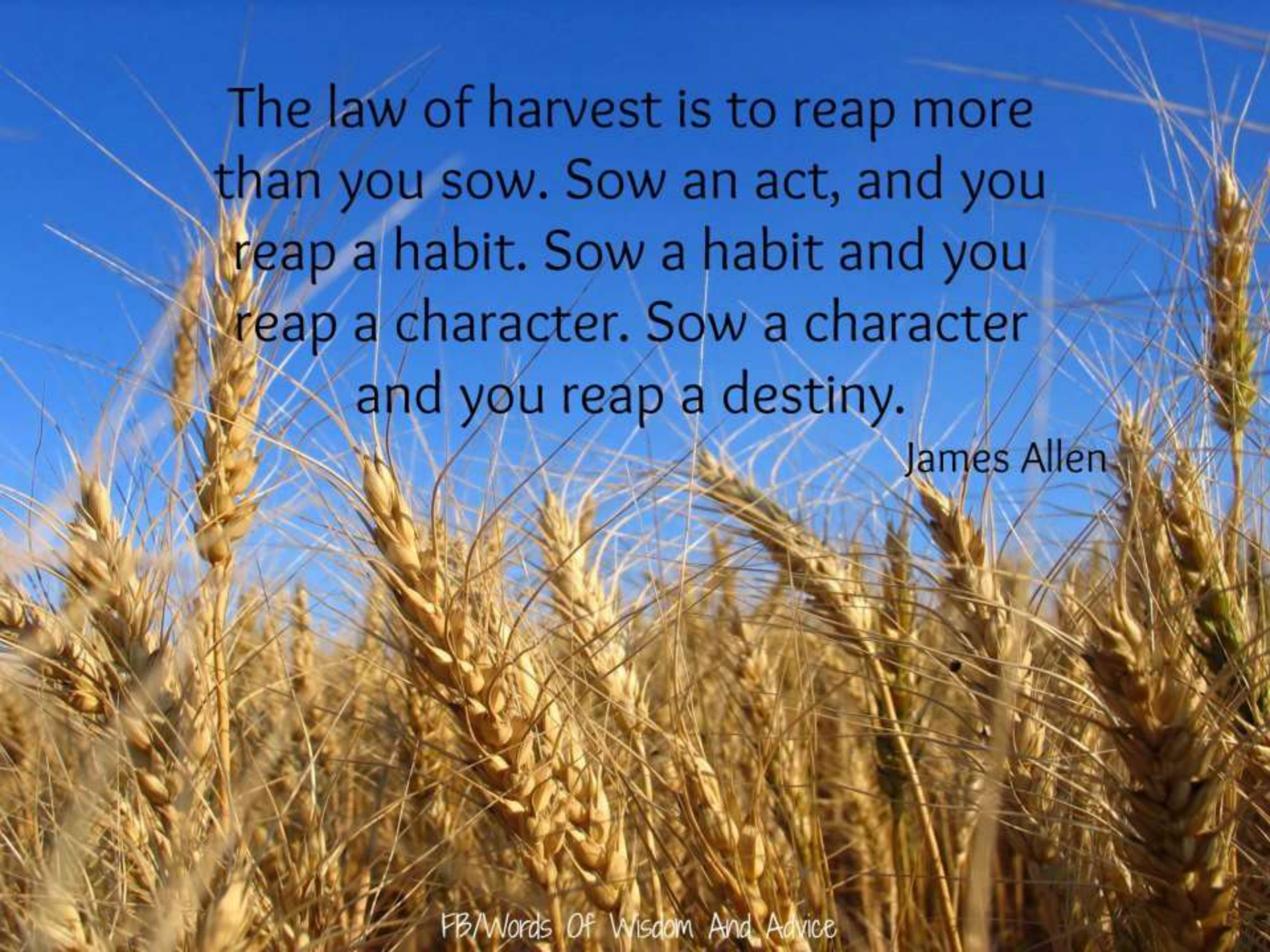
Genesis 4:5-7(NKJV)

The Law of the **HARVEST**

Galatians 6:7




⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of golden wheat stalks. The wheat is in sharp focus, showing the texture of the grains and the long, thin awns. The stalks are set against a clear, vibrant blue sky. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, which highlights the golden color of the wheat.

The law of harvest is to reap more
than you sow. Sow an act, and you
reap a habit. Sow a habit and you
reap a character. Sow a character
and you reap a destiny.

James Allen



A lit candle in a brass holder sits on a wooden surface next to an open book. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with faint, swirling decorative patterns. The text is displayed in a serif font, with 'APPROVED' in a larger, bolder font than the other words.

STUDY
TO SHOW
THYSELF
APPROVED
UNTO GOD,
A WORKMAN
THAT NEEDETH NOT
TO BE ASHAMED,
2 TIMOTHY 2:15

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1 Samuel

23:16

AND JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON, AROSE, AND
WENT TO DAVID INTO THE WOOD, AND
STRENGTHENED HIS HAND IN
GOD.

1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.



David encourages himself in the Lord

"My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me." Ps. 63:8

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. 119:105

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps. 119:11

I delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Ps. 119:16



Encouragement from David

⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.



1 Timothy 4:7-8

1 Timothy 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



Exhortations from the apostle Paul

Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,



Exhortations from the apostle Paul



1 Samuel 23:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.

DON'T GO IT ALONE



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (HCSB)

⁹ Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. ¹⁰ For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up.

“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Ps. 122:1

“We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company.” Ps. 55:14



Encouragement from David